

## Fifteen Friendly Teachers Await Students, Parents At Fern School

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Mom and Dad as well as sister and brother will be happy to know that fifteen friendly, well-trained and experienced teachers will be on hand Sept. 15, 1947, at Fern Avenue school to guide and direct the educational experiences there of all children in kindergarten through grade six. The excellent professional records held by our teachers bear evidence that the learning situation at Fern Avenue school will be pleasant, efficient and energetic.



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A plan is being worked out to provide opportunities for Mom and Dad to become acquainted with the teachers as soon after school starts in September as possible. The principal and the teachers hope that you will feel free to offer any constructive suggestions you might wish to make when you come to visit the school. These suggestions will be given serious consideration and utilized if possible.

It is interesting to obtain the various beliefs of people regarding the purpose of the school in a community. Some state that the superintendent of schools determines purposes. Others believe that the principal and teachers actually decide upon the role which the school shall play. An increasingly large group of people are beginning to feel that the school is an integral part of the community it serves, and for that reason the school's purposes materialize from the efforts of all people who are interested in having the most effective type of living and learning experiences provided for your children.

It is the policy of the Torrance City School Administration to lean most favorably toward a coordinated statement of school purposes wherein the parents, teachers, school administrators, the board of education and the children all play an equally important part. This is the sort of pattern we hope to set for Mom and Dad and the youngsters.

A "schoolhouse" can be most accurately described as a building containing walls, windows, floors and roofs in just the same manner that we might define another house. When we begin to furnish our house with appropriate materials, furniture, and actually move in with our family to carry on purposeful life activities, then we are no longer defining a house. We are describing a home. The school "home" will more accurately describe Fern Avenue school.

The plan calls for your children to carry on purposeful, practical and meaningful work of learning. In order that learning might have a richer and more meaningful aspect, the plan provides for the construction of a strong foundation of skills and tools in such areas as arithmetic, language, spelling and reading. The foundation program will be a part of a broader educational objective: to provide opportunity for all children to live richly and abundantly with a genuine concern for the affairs and events of our world today.

An excellent guide for the learning activities of children, "The Los Angeles County Course of Study," will be utilized by the teachers to provide for a well rounded, and orderly educational program. This guide does not limit the scope of the work recommended for the children, but it does give an orderly sequence to planning of classroom work in all subjects.

The mental and physical health of children will receive

definite consideration in the school program. The services of a competent school doctor and nurse have been obtained and they are planning jointly to care for health problems, examining eyes, giving hearing tests, and maintaining reliable health information for all children.

The old adage, "Nothing succeeds like success," is good medicine for the emotional growth of your children. The school will exert every effort to provide opportunities for your child to succeed. Leadership opportunities as well as good fellowship will be planned for in the regular class subjects as well as in a few extra-curricular activities. Growing out of this situation it is anticipated that boys and girls will develop attitudes of responsible living, good sportsmanship, and create wholesome interests that might carry over into leisure time after school hours.

Contrary to what a large number of people think, it has been shown through studies of mental and physical growth that we do not accomplish or achieve at a given speed or given age. For example, some children develop the ability to talk at an earlier age than others. Some of us learned to walk before other children of the same age. The same variations of growth carry over into school situations where we find that some children learn the basic fundamentals of reading in the first grade, but for certain reasons, other children do not attain a readiness for reading until they are in the second or third grade.

Dr. Emmett Bettes made a study of the reading failures involving thousands of pupils. He found that 80 percent of all reading cases were children of normal or superior intelligence. Consequently Fern Avenue school believes that corrective measures can be taken to provide continuous help for those children whose readiness for reading is delayed. Shortly after the first month of school a reading clinic will begin to take shape. The clinic will attempt to discover specific reading difficulties and recommend procedures for the elimination of the so-called "reading hazards."

The program outlined in the foregoing paragraphs does not portray the entire school situation. A more inclusive statement of the "goings-on" at Fern Avenue school will be possible as suggestions are received from the various members of the community.

## Admission Day Program In L.B. To Be Colorful

Final plans for the colorful Native Sons and Daughters celebration of California's 97th birthday to be held in Long Beach Sept. 6 through 9, were being rushed this week with state-wide Chairman Gary Lynes spearheading the planning committee composed of representatives from this city and other towns in the area. The event will mark the first time that Long Beach has been the host city for the traditional yearly meeting of the organization.

More than 25,000 persons representing almost every major town and city in California have indicated that they will be on hand for the tremendous convocation which last year was held in San Francisco and attracted the largest gathering of the group up to that time. Lynes believes that the attendance at this year's meeting will top by a large number those registered at San Francisco last year.

Special trains have been chartered by members in the bay area and they will bring the convention delegates directly into Long Beach. They will not be forced to transfer to buses at the Los Angeles station as has been necessary in the past for visitors coming here for various functions.

An action-packed four days has been planned by the local committee and the schedule of events includes an open house on the Moose hall Sept. 6 followed by state-wide softball, golf and bowling championship tournaments during the course of the four-day celebration. Other highlights slated are a four-hour tour of the harbor, a beauty contest of native California girls competing, and a grand ball the evening of Sept. 8 at the Municipal auditorium preceded by the crowning of the Queen Contest winner.

The climax event of the celebration will be a tremendous four-hour long parade on the morning of Sept. 9, with approximately thirty bands and drum and bugle corps, and a host of horse teams to be led by film actor Leo Carrillo, and Sheriff Gene Bisealuz of Los Angeles, whose highly trained units have won national fame. Prizes will be awarded by the Native Sons and Daughters to the outstanding musical organizations in the various classifications in the competition.

Helping Lynes with arrangements for the event are John Johnson, Joe Sousa, Dr. John Schwan, Anne Bardan and Otto Beck, with members from "parlors" in town near Long Beach acting as advisors.

## Federal Recognition Due First Line Company Of Natl. Guard Battalion

Company A, the first line company of the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, California National Guard, will be federalized on August 26, and the men making up the unit will then go on "the payroll."

Federal recognition is accomplished after an inspection of men, equipment and records conducted by regular Army officers. The officers and enlisted men draw a day's regular Army pay for each weekly drill period, the pay being commensurate with grade. The battalion, with its headquarters and service companies, already has been federalized. Headquarters of the 578th is in the administration building of Torrance Municipal airport (formerly Lomita flight strip) on 101 highway.

The first line company has been assigned to the South Bay area, and headquarters will be in Redondo Beach as soon as a building suitable for an armory can be obtained, it was announced.

The 578th armory will be built on ground selected last week in the southeast section of Torrance Municipal Airport.

Major Clyde Carpenter, commanding officer of the 578th said that equipment is beginning

## Bus Line Revenue Steady According To July Report

Revenue from the operation of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines remains steady according to the July report from the Bus department.

Total revenue for the month of March was \$12,667.39. Two new Reo buses, recently acquired by the city, are serving as substitutes while each bus in the entire fleet of 11 is being completely overhauled. The expansion of the Torrance Bus Lines to include the Long Beach-North Torrance-Inglewood area is scheduled to go into effect September 1.

It is anticipated that this expansion will materially increase the revenue from the lines.

Breakdown for the July revenue report was as follows:  
Driver Revenue \$5,752.98  
Beacon Drug Agency \$2,234.85  
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